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THE RACES OF THE SHRIKE

Lanius validirostris

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Lanius validirostris is an endemic mountain shrike of the Philippines. Hitherto it was known from three, widely separated mountain areas, each population representing a different subspecies. The collecting of one of us, Rabor, in western Mindanao brought to light another population, representing yet another subspecies. This we name:

Lanius validirostris quartus, new subspecies

Type.—Chicago Natural History Museum no. 227258 from Duminagat, 5300–5500 feet, Mt. Malindang, Zamboanga, Mindanao. Adult male collected April 4, 1956, by D. S. Rabor.

Diagnosis.—Wing length as in *L. v. validirostris* but bill larger; upper parts darker gray; pale area on forehead and pale superciliary less conspicuous, almost obsolete; center of breast and abdomen whiter (less tinged with buffy); undertail coverts white (not strongly tinged with buffy); and flanks richer and deeper rufous.

Measurements.—Wing 93.5; culmen 22 mm.

Range.—Known from the type only, from Mt. Malindang at 5300–5500 feet.

Remarks.—The four known races are as follows:

1. *L. v. validirostris* Og.–Grant, 1894; Luzon highlands. Wing ♂ 89, 89, 90; ♀ 84, 85. Culmen ♂ 20, 21.5, 21.5; ♀ 19.5, 19.5 mm.

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2. *L. v. tertius* Salomonsen, 1953; highlands of Mindoro. Like (1), but smaller and with flanks, crissum and undertail coverts deeper and darker; breast and abdomen more washed with pale rusty (ex Salomonsen). Wing ♂ 83; ♀ 81 mm. (ex Salomonsen).
3. *L. v. hachisuka* Ripley, 1949; Mt. Apo, Mindanao. Like (2) above, but larger, and breast and abdomen heavily washed with rusty; size as in (1). Wing ♂ 88; ♀ 88. Culmen ♂ 21; ♀ 19.5 mm. (lent by Dr. Ripley).
4. *L. v. quartus*, new subspecies; Mt. Malindang as above.

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